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(Beware of illegal, brutal and reckless police actions!)

Every day, our people's opposition against the Arbenz-Fortuny regime rises higher. Every day, the nervousness of Arbenz and his accomplices rises, too and his frantic desire to "save" himself from developments for which he has primarily to blame himself, and his blind submission to Moscow's demands -- even though he must have well realized by now that his case has become completely hopeless.

Like all communist Satraps the world over, he relies in these frantic efforts more and more exclusively upon the Police whose chief, Cruz Wer, has already been exposed as a secret Communist Party member. Since our constitution and our laws limit police actions very strictly, especially for political "offenses", Cruz Wer and his minions must resort more and more to illegal acts, to brutality and provocation, in order to carry out the orders of the would-be dictator.

We have had already many examples of this police brutality and illegality in recent months: treatment of the prisoners of Salama, assault on Radio Internacional with police connivance, persecution of those accused of painting the "32" symbols, censorship on political radio programs, confiscation of oppositional newspapers and periodicals -- these are but a few

examples of what the "progressive" police has been doing recently to prepare our country for a full-fledged communist dictatorship.

There is every reason to assume that the police will be even more aggressive, more reckless, less concerned with the letter and the spirit of our laws in the next days and weeks. Their action is likely to hurt a great many fellow-citizens who have never violated a law and who therefore do not know how to behave in the face of those police methods. For their benefit, we shall discuss now some of the things which you should know and follow carefully.

Our constitution guarantees freedom of the press. If censorship and terror prevent our legitimate press from telling you the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth about events in this country and abroad, you are perfectly justified in reading papers which evade this illegal censorship and terror. Common sense must tell you, however, that you must be cautious and circumspect when you receive, read or pass on such an uncensored, clandestine paper.

Don't read it in presence of others or in a place where you can be easily surprised. Don't show it to anybody but pass it on anonymously, by

dropping it into the letter box of a neighbor, shoving it into another man's pocket in a crowd, leaving it in a public restroom, on a railroad train, or in a factory. Speak about its contents, but do not say where you read such information: if asked about the source, say that a friend told it to you in confidence, or that you forgot where you read or who told it. Don't collect clandestine publications as souvenirs, but help to make them circulate as quickly as possible.

Our constitution guarantees also freedom of speech. Yet anti-communist groups are time and again prevented from holding meetings, people are being intimidated not to attend such meetings ("How do you expect to receive land under the Agrarian Reform, if you participate in subversive activities?") -- and individual citizens are being spied upon by government and communist party informers.

Under these circumstances, be careful not to fall into a trap which might be set for you by some under-cover communist. Do not engage in political arguments with strangers. If you go to a meeting of which the government spies must not know, make sure that you are not being followed by a police "shadow". Do not discuss confidential matters over the telephone: your

telephone line may be tapped, especially if you are well known for your anti-communist views. Be careful about what you are writing in letters, especially if you write to friends abroad: despite our law forbidding censorship, you must expect government agents to open your letters.

~~If a police officer or agent addresses you, whether on the street or at your home, ask first for his identify card before you give him any answer: he may be an imposter, a communist or even a common criminal posing as an officer of the law. Furthermore, it may be necessary that you know his name, the number of his identity card etc. so that you can make a complaint later, if he should treat you brutally or illegally.~~

If a police officer, even after proper identification, wants to enter your apartment, ask him to show you his search warrant: he is not allowed to enter your house, unless he has a court order. This is especially important if he wants not only to enter but to search your place, whether for leaflets, for arms, for a clandestine radio transmitter or what not: how can you know that he is not a burglar who wants to exploit the present political situation for his purely personal gain, unless he shows you official papers authorizing him to enter and to search your house?

If a police officer wants to arrest you, ask him to show you an arrest warrant: the law does not permit him to arrest you without a warrant, unless he catches you redhanded while committing a crime. If you are alone at the time of the arrest, demand to telephone or write or otherwise inform your wife, your parents or somebody else close to you so that they know what happened to you and that you may not simply "disappear". If the police officer denies this request, attract attention from neighbors, passers-by etc. by shouting, smashing a window or the like, asking these people to inform your family or friends.

If you are known as an anti-communist or if you have been denounced as "subversive", whether correctly or not, instruct your wife, your parents or anybody else living with or near you that they should inform your lawyer or a friend in case you don't come home at night or if there is any other reason to assume that you have been arrested, kidnapped or otherwise met with foul play. In case the authorities refuse information about where and why you are held to your lawyer, your family or your friends, the latter should address themselves to the congress man from your district (if he is honest and not a servant of Arbenz), to the independent press and to any

anti-communist group in your town or district.

When you are questioned by the police, do not answer before you have been allowed to talk to a lawyer of your choice. As first of all to be told what you are accused of: never forget that under law the police (or, in court, the public prosecutor) must prove that you are guilty of the offense of which they accuse you. It is not your duty to prove yourself innocent: limit yourself to disprove any specific charges presented against you.

When under interrogation, beware of police traps: they may tell you that your best friend or your wife has already "confessed" and thereby proven your guilt; they may tell you that your best chance for an early release is to confess and to implicate others. Don't believe any of it, even if they show you a written confession, signed by a familiar signature! Don't try to tell the interrogators elaborate lies -- communists have usually very thorough secret police training and can spot a lie, especially if it is not a carefully prepared, "professional" lie but a makeshift story, invented at the spur of the moment and therefore in most cases full of loopholes.

Stick steadfastly and stubbornly to a simple denial of all the charges.

Whenever possible, plead ignorance, make vague statements, say that you cannot remember. Have always plausible explanations ready for matters which you cannot deny: for instance, if you travel to another town to transport clandestine newspapers, always count on the possibility of being seen during this trip. Therefore, be sure to visit at your destination also an old aunt who can then truthfully testify that you made indeed that trip to visit her!

Under no circumstances implicate others (with the only exception of persons who are dead or of whom you know positively that they have left our country for the duration of the Arbenz-Fortuny regime). If you are really in a jam, denouncing others is not going to help you any. But if you succumb to that temptation, you are hurting a fellow-citizen and helping the government to play off one patriot against another so that they may more easily destroy you both!

Our basic task is, of course, to free our country of a shameful regime which makes these police methods possible. In the meantime, however, let us all be careful and clever and let us frustrate the efforts of Arbenz' henchmen to strangle our Liberation Movement through communist police terror!